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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 3, consisting of Figs. 3A to 3B, is a view showing examples of calculation word lengths at fixed-point precision and at integer precision.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is requested to accurately identify the drawings. No new matter has been added. Entry of this amendment is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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